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- To: Mayor Wynn Council Member's and Ms. Futrell
- From: Jimmy Castro
- Sub: Domain Project

Good Evening Mayor Wynn, Council Members and Ms. Futrell

I am here to speak on my own behalf.

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I have also served as a former Board Member of the Milwood Neighborhood Association in North Austin.

I would like to first thank the City Staff for working with the developer and neighbors.

And Mayor Wynn and Council Members working on this project. Especially Council Member MeCraken. / mcCracken

I am here to speak in support of the Domain Project with the request for the increase in Building Height.

My Family and I have lived in the Milwood Neighborhood area since 1980 and Milwood is the largest Neighborhood adjacent to the Domain Project only ½ mile away with 1,500 homes in the Milwood area.

Several neighbors I have talked with all agree the entire North Austin Area will benefit with the Domain Project with over 2,243 acres in the Gateway/North Burnet Planning Area. Especially with the estimate this could include 81 thousand residents and 51,000 jobs.

This Domain Project will also include a Park area and outdoor music theatre and Hike and Bike Trails. Provided by the developer.

It is also in the path of two passenger rail lines.

Families who move into the Domain area in North Austin will find some of the finest amenities in the City of Austin.

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First families from the Domain area will find excellent Austin Independent Scholl District schools such as the Recognized School of Excellence Summitt Elementary and the National Blue Ribbon School Will Davis Elementary and excellent middle schools such as Burnet and Murchison Middle Schools and Anderson High School with the International Baccalaureate Program and the Cisco Academy on Campus and Lanier High School with the Health Science Institute of Austin at Lanier to meet the future Health Care Shortage in the Austin area. Families will also have access to the Austin Community College Northridge Campus on Stonehollow with its Computer Technology Programs and is only walking distance from the Domain Project.

Families who move in to the Domain area will have access to some of the finest City of Austin Public Safety facilities such as a EMS Sub Station on Parmer Lane, and the EMS and Fire Substation on Duval and the North Austin Police Sub Station on Parmer Lane.

Families from the Domain area will have access to the City of Austin Milwood Library which has enough land to double the size of the Milwood Library for future use. For recreation the families from the Domain area will have access to the City of Austin Balcones District Park with its Jr Olympic Size Swimming Pool. Which will soon be heated and available for use by family's year around.

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Families from the Domain area will also have easy access to some of the best Medical care in Central Texas with the North Austin Medical Center with over 149 Physicians and specialists and the Austin Diagnostic Clinic with Northwest Seton close by. This is another reason to approve the Building Height Request.

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You also have to keep in mind this Domain Project will also compliment the future development of Robinson Ranch right off of Parmer Lane which is walking distance of the Milwood Area. And this is another reason to approve the Domain Project Building Height Request.

To give you and idea of the growth in North Austin. An average of 300 babies a month are delivered at the North Austin Medical Center. The bottom line North Austin is growing. These kids will need Schools, Healthcare, Jobs and a place to live that the Domain could offer these future Austinites.

Families from the Domain area will also have access several churches in the Milwood area and Milwood is also home to the Balcones Little League.

Thank You Mayor Wynn